

More cafes for Nimbin!

There have been plenty of new beginnings in the township in the past month, which show that people have plenty of confidence to invest in the future of our village.

Work has started on the development of a "refreshment room" next to the hairdresser at 76 Cullen Street (see plans), with the construction of a paved courtyard. A development application is also in preparation for development of the old medical centre building, which it is understood will include a restaurant, as well as retail and residential components.

Our new butcher is James Geary (pictured), a local from Salkeld Road, who is taking over from Rod Wood. James is maintaining the same commitment to high quality,

organic produce, including their home-made pates. Rod will still be in the butchery on Saturday mornings.

Welcome to another new face, Peter Hughes, who has started up the Nimbin Tax and Accounting Service in rooms behind Lifestyle real estate, and has joined the esteemed ranks of *GoodTimes* sponsors (no, we don't have a photo).

Sporting facilities are also being enhanced, with the slab poured for the new canteen building at the Headers Oval (see photo). A substantial grant for a gymnasium facility



at the Showground is soon to be announced, assisted by a recent \$4,500 grant from the NRMA.

Optimism abounds. Even our new business and events



e-directory, Nimbin on the Web has had a makeover, It now has extra pages, a new structure and navigation system, as well as a new link at www.nimbinweb.com.au.



Do you know this man?
Nimbin Police and Lismore Detectives are investigating a serious assault, which it is believed to have taken place at Nimbin over the weekend of 23-24 July 2005. The victim of the assault is a 36-year-old Caucasian who has a full beard.

He has recently been residing at a campsite on the outskirts of the Nimbin Township. The victim was admitted to the Lismore base Hospital on the afternoon of Monday 25 July 2005. The matter was reported to police on Tuesday 26 July 2005 and an investigation was commenced. Investigators have been unable to speak to the male due to his

condition. An information-seeking canvass has been conducted by police during the morning of Wednesday 27 July 2005 through the Nimbin township and surrounds. Detective Sergeant Diehm said.

"The community have been helpful in coming forward with information and are keen to assist police with the investigation. We are appealing to any person who may have witnessed the incident over the weekend or have knowledge regarding the incident to come forward and contact police."

Contact Nimbin Police 6689 1244 or Lismore Detectives on 6623 1599.

What's on at the Youth Club in August

Tuesday

Hip Hop Hub

4 to 5pm
What do you want in the music studio? Help spend the John Butler grant. Meet @NYC all welcome

Wednesday

Youth Voice

4.30 to 6.30pm
Short film - radio - photography.

Thursday

On the Bus

4.30 to 6pm
Nimbin Young Women's Group, 15-18

Friday

Open House

5th and 19th August, 4 to 6pm
Food - music - games
Basketball from 6 to 8pm @ School MPU

Skates and Mates

12th August, 4 to 7pm
For girls aged 11-14. Meet @ NYC

Saturday

Hip Hop Dance Class

2.30 to 4pm
Community Centre dance studio

Playground aggression

Police were called to the new children's playground over the weekend when parents and a representative of the Bowling Club were unable to persuade a gang of children to stop behaving aggressively on the playground equipment and throwing water bombs.

Less than a month after the grand opening of the children's playground, some parents are having reservations about taking their children there to play.

According to the parents of children who use the park, a group of children thought to be aged between 9 and 14 years are frequently engaging in rough and aggressive behaviour at the playground. Some of the younger park patrons are frightened and unable to enjoy the equipment when the older children are there.

"They just took over the equipment, they were throwing water bombs and running up the slippery dips and generally forcing the smaller children off the equipment," one mother of two young children told *The GoodTimes*.

"The park is great, but when the big kids turn up it's time to leave. My boys get scared and want to go home," she also said.

Constable Tracy Linton, who

was one of the police officers who attended the scene over the weekend said, "There were about five kids with water bombs. We just told them to pull their heads in. They weren't being too bad, just silly."

However, in another report from earlier on the same day a mother of two young children described seeing the same group of children physically fighting one another at the park. "It was like some weird, prepubescent version of 'Fight Club', the woman said.

The woman told the children that violent behaviour was not acceptable in 'Peace' park or in front of small children. She was taunted by the group that she could go and call the police if it bothered her.

One young member of the group allegedly had his pants pulled down and was being verbally humiliated by the others.

Another community member commented to *The GoodTimes*, "What we have here is the next generation starting to flex their little muscles. They need to be shown that the community will not tolerate anti-social behaviour. They need to understand that - before we lose another generation to drug-abuse, violence and greed."

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